

MR. CARTER'S REPLY.

The Hawaiian Commissioner's
Open Letter to Mr. Gresham.

BLOUNT'S MISREPRESENTATIONS

Of the Circumstances of the Revolution Specifically Corrected—The Administration's Course Based on Distorted and Untruthful Testimony. The Charge that United States Troops Aided in the Overthrow of the Queen Refuted—A Spicy Letter Made Public.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 13.—Following is an open letter on the Hawaiian question to Secretary Gresham by ex-commissioner Charles L. Carter, who visited the United States shortly after the revolution, in the interests of the provisional government.

HONOLULU, H. I., Nov. 30.
The Hon. W. Q. Gresham, Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:—With the consent of the government which I had the honor to serve as special commissioner to the government of the United States I have the honor to address you in reply to your despatch to the President, dated October 18, containing recommendations that the treaty of annexation be not resubmitted and suggesting the restoration of what you term the legitimate government of Hawaii, by which you mean the monarchy in the person of ex-Queen Liliuokalani. You will pardon my making this communication public and I beg you to attribute my action to the apparent disinclination in your department to a full exposition of the matter bearing on the question which has been at your disposal.

I regret that up to the time of our latest advice my distinguished colleague, the chairman of the special commission, Mr. Thurston, has been constrained by his present position as representative of this government near your own, from making any public declaration. This fact, and because after your installation as minister, I was the only representative of Hawaii actually in Washington, which gave me permission to speak and qualify me to address you on some of the matters in your despatch.

Your communication to the President contains twenty-seven paragraphs and charges which I can meet and which in this, my first and probably only opportunity, I shall refute. I shall for convenience take them up in successive order.

SPECIFIC REPUTATIONS.

You aver therein that the opposition of her ministers and others induced the queen speedily to change her purpose of proclaiming a new constitution and that she made public announcement of the fact. The fact is that after a most violent altercation with her ministry, the queen publicly announced that for the present she deferred action on the matter of a new constitution. It was pretended that she wished to take the action as a consequence of a petition to that effect by her native subjects. Credible persons present in the throne room during almost the whole of that Saturday afternoon state that the humble petitioners waited with their unread petition up to the time that the queen made her petition of postponement, and she had not read the document, which has since disappeared.

The evidence obtainable indicates that the proposed constitution, by its terms, was an aggression upon the constitutional rights of the white residents of Hawaii, whether born here of parents also of Hawaiian birth, as I was, or settled and established here by long residence. No announcement of an absolute change of purpose was made until Monday, two days later, when her advisers discovered that the popular wave of indignation was sweeping toward the throne and hoped to stay the just wrath of the people. Should not the queen's other crimes of that same Saturday be considered by you? Her officers cannot be brushed aside in a paragraph or recited in one.

THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

The meeting in Honolulu which appointed the committee of public safety consisted of those persons who had gathered at the call of her majesty's cabinet and had pledged their lives in writing in defense of that cabinet against the proposed aggression of the queen, the members of that cabinet having made an appeal for support, stating that they could not rely upon the constituted civil and military forces, whose members were pledged to support the queen and assist her in promulgating the new constitution. The committee on public safety held its first meeting immediately after its appointment and the sessions continued almost without interruption until the organization of the provisional government was proclaimed on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 16th.

I ask you in justice, not only to the living but to one of your country's distinguished dead, to explain that while Mr. Stevens, on the Saturday before, had consented to allow the queen's cabinet to use your forces as against her and those behind her, when that cabinet had violated its pledge and clove again to her majesty and her cause, that he positively declined to allow the committee of public safety, which then became a revolutionary body, any support or assistance, and that that was the understanding of the committee of public safety from noon of Sunday, the 15th.

Referring to the landing of United States forces, Mr. Carter says: "That there was no manifestation of excitement or alarm in the city on that Monday night was due to the fact that the American troops were on shore. Up to the moment of their landing the agitation and uncertainty was intense. If any of Mr. Blount's witnesses have made statements to the contrary I should like an opportunity to cross-examine them. As it was, there were two attempts at incendiary fires at different times in different parts of the city, which, but for the prompt appearance of Lieutenant Swinburne and a squad of men, might have increased to alarming proportions."

"To imply in the same paragraph of your report that the committee of public safety as soon as the forces were landed is grossly misleading, and had you given me the opportunity which I so frequently asked in Washington, of making a detailed statement of occurrences at that time, I cannot believe that you would have fallen into error. The troops landed at 5 o'clock on Monday, the 16th, and the committee of public safety seized the government building at three o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, nearly twenty-four hours later. As soon as the order of the provisional government, calling for support from loyal citizens, was issued, one hundred and fifty or more armed and determined supporters, who had rendezvoused at the old armory, marched to the building and were stationed as guards to defend and protect the new government.

While they were gathering there was some anxiety, and Mr. Damon asked me to seek out Captain Wiltze and ask for an armed guard. I objected, because we well knew that we could expect no such assistance, but I finally went and was not surprised when Captain Wiltze peremptorily refused.

"The request for the immediate support of the United States forces, contained in Mr. Dole's letter, of itself should indicate that up to that moment there had been no such support and furthermore was intended only for that night and for the purpose of patrolling the town. Can it be possible that you have not been informed that the reply to that request was a second absolute refusal from Captain Wiltze?"

THE QUEEN'S PROTEST.

"The queen's protest was a quibbling trick which now makes clear to many of us what we then considered her cowardly surrender. The protest was accepted with indifference, as indicating her objections to retiring from that power which she had so ruthlessly abused, and which she had hoped to increase by violence until it became absolute. That the tricksters who prepared it for her signature incorporated therein a wanton lie operates as no estoppel upon the provisional government, and is no bar to its onward progress toward liberty and clean government."

Mr. Carter then takes up the remaining statements of Secretary Gresham's communication, one after another, replying to the charges made. The purport of the letter is that it is not true that the revolution was the work of the United States forces, but was a genuine revolt of Hawaiian citizens against the misgovernment of the queen, and that the landing of the marines had nothing to do with it.

DETERMINED HAWAIIANS.

The Provisional Government Prepared for Defense—Naval Officers not in Sympathy with Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The following dispatch was received by the navy department to-day:

HONOLULU, Dec. 4, 1893.

Provisional government has 1,000 men under arms. Palace prepared for defense.

[Signed] IRWIN.

There is not much attempt on the part of the officials in the navy department to conceal the satisfaction they feel at the turn events have taken in Hawaii. The contemptuous attitude of the provisional government towards the United States authority fails to awaken any great amount of indignation or condemnation in naval circles. The navy has been rather out of sympathy with the administration policy and the dissatisfaction has increased with the last news received.

No intimation can be secured from the white house or the state department as to the probable time of sending to the senate the Hawaiian papers called for.

TO DISPROVE BLOUNT.

Affidavits of Leading Men in Hawaii in Refutation of the "Paramounts" Report.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Among the passengers on the steamship Oceanic, which arrived last night from Honolulu, was Hon. P. C. Jones, ex-minister of finance under the monarchy, and after the revolution one of the provisional government's most ardent supporters. Mr. Jones is on his way to Washington on semi-official business and is the bearer of several affidavits from the people of Honolulu calculated to disprove the statements made in Commissioner Blount's report.

J. H. Soner, commander of the provisional government forces, C. Bolte, a prominent business man, John Emmeluth, member of the present advisory council of the provisional government, George N. Wilcox, minister of the interior under the queen in 1892, and Albert S. Wilcox, member of the legislature in 1892, all give testimony adverse to the correctness of Blount's report.

Two Missing Letters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—A Democratic member of the house committee on foreign affairs states that he has been informed at the state department that two letters, written by Secretary Blaine to Minister Stevens, are missing, and this is delaying the Hawaiian correspondence being sent to the senate. It is said the department wants these letters, as it is believed in them Minister Stevens was instructed to foster the annexation sentiment.

Bishop Lyman Dead.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 14.—Right Rev. T. B. Lyman, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina, died at his home here this morning of heart failure. Bishop Lyman served as a priest in Maryland, Pittsburgh, Pa., Rome, Italy, and San Francisco.

That Cold Wave.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 13.—The cold wave still throws itself to the breeze, twenty below being the average figure in this city to-day, while minus temperature was reported from all over the northwest.

Gunpowder Explosion.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A gunpowder explosion took place to-day at Waltham Abbey. One person was killed and nine were fatally injured.

Well Known German Editor Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 13.—Dr. Edward Morwitz, proprietor of the German Democrat, died to-day.

Steamship News.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH.

Murder of a Wealthy Man and His Wife's Peculiar Story.

BRAZIL, IND., Dec. 13.—A sensation was caused here to-day by the coroner receiving intelligence that John Giller, residing south of here, estimated to be worth over \$100,000, who was found dead a week ago on his doorstep had probably been murdered, as a hole was found in his head. An investigation is being made. Giller has been married twice and his present wife is being sole heir to his fortune. She claims he got out of bed the morning of his death at 3 o'clock and she heard him fall on the step. When she went to see what had happened she found him dead. Deceased had considerable wealth in Kansas. Neighbors, residing within a quarter of a mile of the Giller house, claim that they knew nothing of Mr. Giller's death until three days after the death.

MAY BE ARRESTED.

An Alleged Plan to Have Corbett Arrested in Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Dec. 13.—It is stated that the few people here have perfected arrangements for having James J. Corbett arrested when he appears here Thursday. The law and order league is very reticent, but it is alleged that a committee has already had the necessary legal papers drawn and will have an officer arrest Corbett when he steps from the train Thursday morning. Should the pugilist be arrested his friends will be ready with a writ of habeas corpus. This would get the matter before the courts, which would suit the syndicate, for it is sure of a decision in its favor.

ANOTHER CANTON FIRM

Goies into a Receiver's Hands—Caused by the Autman Failure.

CANTON, O., Dec. 13.—Jud A. Wann was to-day appointed receiver of the Sun Vapor Street Light Co. The company is capitalized at \$175,000 and has liabilities amounting to over \$300,000. Figures on assets are yet unknown and consists of the plant here and numerous branches throughout the country. Bills receivable are \$30,000. The application for a receiver was made by Alice N. Chance, nee Miller. The stockholders of the company are prominent stockholders of Autman & Co. The petition asks for the sale of the plant.

Shot Himself and Sweetheart.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Dec. 13.—George Hoffman, returning from a ball at 2 o'clock this morning, quarreled with his sweetheart, Miss Eoff, and fired three shots into her head and three into his own. He afterward jumped into the river, but crawled out to throw himself before a train, when he was arrested. The girl may die. Hoffman's wounds are serious. The small calibre prevented instant death.

Crazed with Whisky.

TYLER, MO., Dec. 13.—Yesterday ten miles from this city, Dr. Kellar, a white man of Rusk county, shot and mortally wounded a negro named Hartfield and badly injured Hartfield's son. The elder Hartfield, after being shot through, secured a shotgun and mortally wounded Kellar. Kellar had been on a drunk and was crazed with whisky.

Sympathizer with the Anarchists.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The police have searched the residence of Paul Reclus, a civil engineer and nephew of the eminent geographical writer, M. Jacques Eisee Reclus, and seized a number of important letters, showing that he was in constant communication with the anarchist leaders, and giving the police information of the most serious nature.

Experienced Bad Weather.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Dispatches from Queenstown says that the coasting vessels which arrived there report having experienced terrible weather in the channel. The steamship Majestic, of the White Star line, was due to arrive at Queenstown by midnight, but she has not been reported, and is supposed to have run direct to Liverpool.

Natural Gas Explosion.

MARION, IND., Dec. 13.—An explosion of natural gas occurred at the regulator house of the gas well belonging to the Moor tin plate works at Gas City, six miles south of here, last evening. The house was blown to atoms and four men were severely injured, but none of them fatally.

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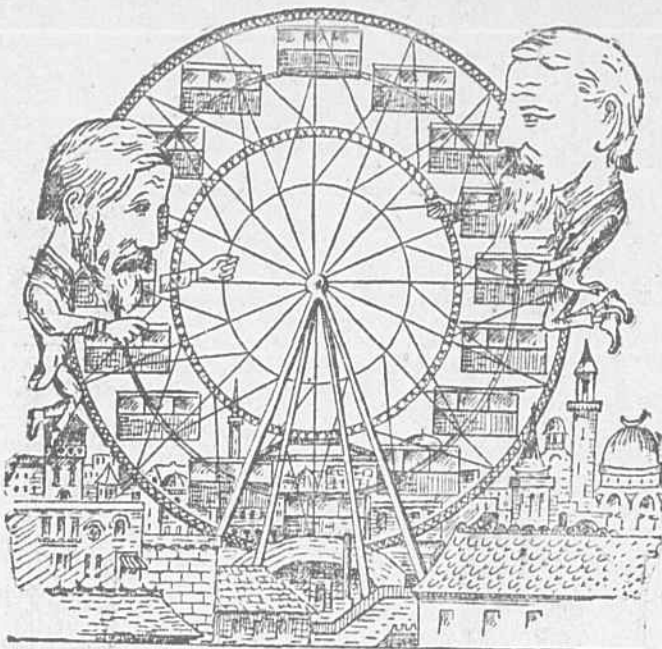
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